



UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY
FACULTY OF SCIENCE
DEPARTMENT OF GEOSCIENCE
COURSE OUTLINE
FALL 2017

1. **Course:** Geology 493, Evolution of Earth Through Life and Time

Lecture Section:

L01: MoWeFr, 11:00-11:50, ES 162

For a listing of all lab sections corresponding with this course, please see the following link:

http://geoscience.ucalgary.ca/geoscience_info/courses/f17

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2. **Prerequisites:** Geology 381 and one of 341 or 343. See section 3.5.C in the Faculty of Science section of the online Calendar (www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/sc-3-5.html)

Antirequisites: Credit for both Geology 493 and 491 will not be allowed.

3. **Grading:** The University policy on grading and related matters is described sections F.1 and F.2 of the online University Calendar. In determining the overall grade in the course the following weights will be used:

Lecture Midterm 1	15%
Lecture Midterm 2	15%
Lecture Final	25% (To be scheduled by the Registrar)
Lab Exam	22.5%
Lab Presentation	17.5%
Top Hat	5%

The midterm exams will be administered in multiple choice and short answer format. Students may opt out of Top Hat participation and add the 5% course credit to their final examination component; students wishing to opt out must inform Dr. Dutchak in writing before the end of first week of class (before 5 PM MST Friday, September 15, 2017)

Each piece of work (exams, quizzes, Top Hat, presentation) submitted by the student will be assigned a percentage score. The student's average percentage score for the various components listed above will be combined with the indicated weights to produce an overall percentage for the course, which will be used to determine the course letter grade. The conversion between course percentage and letter grade is given below.

Letter Grade	Percent
A+	>92.00
A	86.00-91.99
A-	82.00-85.99
B+	77.00-81.99
B	74.00-76.99
B-	71.00-73.99
C+	67.00-70.99
C	62.00-66.99
C-	58.00-61.99
D+	54.00-57.99
D	50.00-53.99
F	<50

4. **Missed Components of Term Work:** The regulations of the Faculty of Science pertaining to this matter are found in the Faculty of Science area of the Calendar in [Section 3.6](#). It is the student's responsibility to familiarize himself/herself with these regulations. See also [Section E.6](#) of the University Calendar.

5. **Scheduled out-of-class activities:** N/A

REGULARLY SCHEDULED CLASSES HAVE PRECEDENCE OVER ANY OUT-OF-CLASS-TIME-ACTIVITY. If you have a clash with this out-of-class-time-activity, please inform your instructor as soon as possible so that alternative arrangements may be made for you.

6. **Course Materials:**

Textbook- The Earth Through Time (11th ed.) – Harold Levin
-The UofC bookstore has a modified e-book available. This is highly recommended, as it is significantly cheaper than the full hard-copy text.

7. **Examination Policy:** No electronic or written aids (eg. cell phones, tablets, computers, PDAs, notes, textbooks) will be allowed during writing of any exams. Non-programmable calculators will be permitted to answer quantitative questions on exams, if applicable, and permission to do this will be clearly indicated on the examination paper. Students should also read the Calendar, [Section G](#), on Examinations.

8. **Writing across the curriculum statement:** In this course, the quality of the student's writing will be a factor in the evaluation of exam responses, and presentation material. See also [Section E.2](#) of the University Calendar.

9. **OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS:**

(a) **Academic Misconduct:** (cheating, plagiarism, or any other form) is a very serious offence that will be dealt with rigorously in all cases. A single offence may lead to disciplinary probation or suspension or expulsion. The Faculty of Science follows a zero tolerance policy regarding dishonesty. Please read the sections of the University Calendar under [Section K](#). Student Misconduct to inform yourself of definitions, processes and penalties

(b) **Assembly Points:** In case of emergency during class time, be sure to FAMILIARIZE YOURSELF with the information on [assembly points](#).

(c) **Academic Accommodation Policy:** Students with documentable disabilities are referred to the following links: Students with Disabilities: <http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/b-1.html> and Student Accessibility Services: <http://www.ucalgary.ca/access/>

(d) **Safewalk:** Campus Security will escort individuals day or night (<http://www.ucalgary.ca/security/safewalk/>). Call 220-5333 for assistance. Use any campus phone, emergency phone or the yellow phones located at most parking lot pay booths.

(e) **Freedom of Information and Privacy:** This course is conducted in accordance with the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIPPA). As one consequence, students should identify themselves on all written work by placing their name on the front page and their ID number on each subsequent page. For more information see also <http://www.ucalgary.ca/secretariat/privacy>.

(f) **Student Union Information:** VP Academic Phone: 403 220-3911 Email: suvpaca@ucalgary.ca
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and science3@su.ucalgary.ca;
Student Ombuds Office: 403-220-6420 Email: ombuds@ucalgary.ca; <http://ucalgary.ca/provost/students/ombuds>

(g) **Internet and Electronic Device Information:** You can assume that in all classes that you attend, your cell phone should be turned off unless instructed otherwise. Also, communication with other individuals, via laptop computers, Blackberries or other devices connectable to the Internet is not allowed in class time unless specifically permitted by the instructor. If you violate this policy you may be asked to leave the classroom. Repeated abuse may result in a charge of misconduct.

(h) **U.S.R.I.:** At the University of Calgary, feedback provided by students through the Universal Student Ratings of Instruction (USRI) survey provides valuable information to help with evaluating instruction, enhancing learning and teaching, and selecting courses (www.ucalgary.ca/usri). Your responses make a difference – please participate in USRI Surveys.